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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the comments provided by the Examiner in an Office Action having a mailing date of 9/10/04. Although Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in relation to the filing of this Amendment and Response, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application in the manner set forth herein and in accordance with the amendment of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that went into effect on July 30, 2003: